

**REMARKS**

Applicant's acknowledge the Office's response to Applicants' status inquiry of May 4, 2004 indicating that the Office is projected to first examine the application in 20 to 23 months.

Applicants further acknowledge that continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 cannot be added to the filing receipt absent an express declaration of the relationship to a copending application in an Application Data Sheet or in an amendment to the first page of the specification. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the specification to address the relationship between the related applications and the present application.

Applicants earnestly solicit favorable action concerning the present application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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